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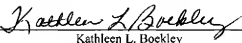
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This paper is responsive to the Decision on Appeal of December 18, 2008, in which the Examiner was affirmed in an affirmation designated as a new ground of rejection.

Please consider the following amendments and/or remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.